

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 MBFR V 00181 01 OF 02 151042Z

15

ACTION ACDA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 ERDA-05 CIAE-00 H-02 INR-07

IO-10 L-02 NSAE-00 OIC-02 OMB-01 PA-01 PM-03 PRS-01

SAJ-01 SAM-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 TRSE-00 NSC-05

BIB-01 ERDE-00 /088 W

----- 013425

P R 150910Z APR 75

FM USDEL MBFR VIENNA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0946

SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY

INFO ALL MBFR MISSIONS 0149

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY BERLIN

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

USDEL SALT TWO GENEVA

AMEMBASSY ANKARA

S E C R E T SECTION 1 OF 2 MBFR VIENNA 0181

GENEVA FOR CSCE DEL AND DISTO

FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: SUMMARY REPORT FOR PERIOD APRIL 7-13,
1975

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE CURRENT WEEK OF THE VIENNA TALKS
BROUGHT NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS. THE EAST DID NOT QUESTION
THE GOOD FAITH OF WESTERN REPS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AS
THEY HAD IN RECENT INFORMAL SESSIONS, BUT EASTERN REPS AGAIN

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 MBFR V 00181 01 OF 02 151042Z

STATED IN THE APRIL 8 INFORMAL THAT WESTERN POSITIONS WERE THE

MAIN REASONS WHY PROGRESS HAD NOT BEEN MADE. SOVIET REP AGAIN RAISED IN A VAGUE WAY THE IDEA OF AN INITIAL REDUCTION STEP AND ALSO SHOWED SOME INTEREST IN THE PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN THE PHASES. IN THE WEEKLY PLENARY MEETING, THE NETHERLANDS REP PRESENTED A DETAILED REVIEW OF WESTERN MOVES SO FAR IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, MAKING THE CASE THAT THE ALLIES HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLY MORE FLEXIBLE THAN THE EAST. BELGIAN REP INFORMED THE AD HOC GROUP THIS WEEK THAT HE STILL DESIRED AHG DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURE OF INFORMAL MEETINGS BUT WAS PREPARED TO DEFER SUCH AHG DISCUSSION UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT ROUND OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. EAST AND WEST CONTINUED TO REVIEW THEIR RESPECTIVE STANDARD POSITIONS AND TO ADVANCE WELL-WORN ARGUMENTS DURING THIS PENULTIMATE WEEK OF THE CURRENT FIFTH ROUND OF THE VIENNA TALKS. WITH NO PROGRESS EXPECTED IN THIS ROUND, BOTH SIDES WERE STRESSING FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS OF THEIR POSITIONS.

3. IN THIS WEEK'S INFORMAL MEETING, CANADIAN REP GRANDE LED OFF FOR THE WEST BY POINTING OUT THAT THE MAIN REASON THE ALLIES HAD REJECTED RECENT EASTERN SUGGESTIONS WAS THAT THESE SUGGESTIONS STILL CONTAINED THE SAME MAIN ELEMENTS WHICH FORMED THE CONTENT OF THE EASTERN DRAFT AGREEMENT OF NOVEMBER 1973. GRANDE REITERATED THE REASONS FOR ALLIED OBJECTIONS TO THESE MAIN ELEMENTS.

4. FRG REP BEHRENDTS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF WESTERN MOVES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THUS FAR, PARTICULARLY THE COMMITMENT BY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS NOT TO INCREASE OVERALL MANPOWER BETWEEN THE PHASES, THAT ALL REMAINING WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN PHASE II REDUCTIONS, AND THE WESTERN AGREEMENT TO COVER AIR FORCE MANPOWER UNDER A NO-INCREASE COMMITMENT. US REP GAVE REASONS WHY THE EAST SHOULD MOVE BEYOND ITS LIMITED ACCEPTANCE OF THE IDEA THAT THE US AND USSR SHOULD BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY FROM THE OTHER DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SUBSTANTIAL US
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 MBFR V 00181 01 OF 02 151042Z

AND SOVIET REDUCTIONS IN A FIRST PHASE WERE AN EQUITABLE AND REALISTIC WAY OF DEALING WITH THESE DIFFERENCES.

5. GDR REP OESER PRAISED RECENT EASTERN PROPOSALS. OESER SAID THAT THE LACK OF PROGRESS THUS FAR WAS DUE TO THE WESTERN EFFORT TO CHANGE THE BALANCE OF POWER IN CENTRAL EUROPE TO THE BENEFIT OF NATO, THROUGH ADVANCING AN UNSCIENTIFIC AND ARBITRARILY CONSTRUCTED REDUCTION

PROPOSAL. CZECHOSLOVAK REP MEISNER ARGUED THAT EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD ADHERED TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE JUNE 1973 PREPARATORY TALKS COMMUNIQUE BUT THE WEST HAD NOT.

6. SOVIET REP KHLESTOV CLAIMED THAT THE EAST HAD TAKEN OVER ELEMENTS OF THE WESTERN POSITION IN ITS RECENT PROPOSALS, WHEREAS THE ALLIES HAD NOT TAKEN OVER ANY ELEMENTS OF THE EASTERN POSITION IN PROPOSALS THEY HAD MADE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THEREFORE, THE

SECRET

NNN

SECRET

PAGE 01 MBFR V 00181 02 OF 02 151100Z

10
ACTION ACDA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 ERDA-05 CIAE-00 H-02 INR-07

IO-10 L-02 NSAE-00 OIC-02 OMB-01 PA-01 PM-03 PRS-01

SAJ-01 SAM-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 TRSE-00 NSC-05

BIB-01 ERDE-00 /088 W
----- 013678

P R 150910Z APR 75
FM US DEL MBFR VIENNA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0947
SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY
INFO ALL MBFR MISSIONS 0150
AMEMBASSY ATHENS
AMEMBASSY BERLIN
AMEMBASSY LISBON
AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG
AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
AMEMBASSY SOFIA
AMEMBASSY WARSAW
US DEL SALT TWO GENEVA 0029
AMEMBASSY ANKARA

S E C R E T SECTION 2 OF 2 MBFR VIENNA 0181

GENEVA FOR CSCE DEL AND DISTO

FROM US REP MBFR

EAST HAD DONE MORE TO MOVE NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD THAN THE WEST AND IT WAS UP TO THE ALLIES TO MAKE A MOVE. KHLESTOV ALSO RETURNED TO THE EASTERN INITIAL REDUCTION STEP PROPOSAL, SAYING THAT ITS CONTENT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO THE CONTENT PROPOSED BY THE EAST, BUT COULD BE A COMPOSITE OF ELEMENTS FROM THE POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES. HOWEVER, UNDER QUESTIONING, KHLESTOV WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN INITIAL REDUCTION STEP OTHER THAN TO STATE THAT IT WOULD BE A COMPROMISE

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 MBFR V 00181 02 OF 02 151100Z

AND WOULD BE A FIRST AGREEMENT ON REDUCTIONS. GDR REP ADDED THE POINT THAT AN INITIAL REDUCTION STEP WOULD BE LIMITED AS TO THE AMOUNT OF REDUCTIONS, AND IN OTHER WAYS, WHICH HE DECLINED TO SPECIFY.

7. IN THE INFORMAL MEETING, SOVIET REP ALSO INDICATED SOME INTEREST IN THE PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN THE PHASES, ASKING WHETHER IT WOULD BEGIN TO RUN FROM THE TIME OF

SIGNATURE OR FROM RATIFICATION. WESTERN REPS EXPLAINED THE ALLIED POSITION, POINTING OUT THAT THIS SPECIFIC POINT WOULD HAVE TO BE AGREED WITH THE EAST.

8. AT THE APRIL 10 PLENARY SESSION THE ONLY STATEMENT WAS PRESENTED BY NETHERLANDS REP DE VOS. THE NETHERLANDS STATEMENT ARGUED THAT THE WEST HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLY MORE FLEXIBLE THAN THE EAST IN TERMS OF MODIFICATIONS OF ORIGINAL NEGOTIATING POSITIONS. IN MAKING THIS CASE, DE VOS PRESENTED A DETAILED REVIEW OF WESTERN MOVES SO FAR IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRASTED ALLIED FLEXIBILITY WITH EASTERN FAILURE TO RESPOND ADEQUATELY TO THE ENUMERATED WESTERN INITIATIVES OR TO OFFER CONSTRUCTIVE COUNTER-PROPOSALS. DE VOS CONCLUDED BY INVITING EASTERN PARTICIPANTS TO JOIN THE ALLIES IN WORKING TOWARD AN AGREEMENT INVOLVING MILITARY

SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS.

9. IN A MARCH 27 BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH THE CANADIAN REP, BEING REPORTED BY AIRGRAM (NOTAL), POLISH REP STRULAK STRESSED THAT EASTERN DEMANDS FOR REDUCTIONS OF THE BUNDESWEHR AND OF NUCLEAR FORCES. STRULAK SAID A WAY MUST BE FOUND WHICH WOULD NOT APPEAR TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE FRG BUT NEVERTHELESS WOULD LIMIT FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE BUNDESWEHR. POLISH REP THOUGHT THERE WERE MANY WAYS THIS COULD BE DONE-- I.E. BY IMPOSING QUOTAS OR PERCENTAGE LIMITS ON INCREASES OF TOTAL FRG FORCES, OR BY LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF THE POST-MBFR REDUCTION DECREASES OF OTHER WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WHICH THE

BUNDESWEHR

COULD MAKE UP, OR IN OTHER WAYS. GRANDE REPLIED BY
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 MBFR V 00181 02 OF 02 151100Z

STRESSING THE ABSOLUTE IMPORTANCE WHICH NATO REPS
ATTACHED TO RETAINING ALLIED INTERNAL FLEXIBILITY AND
THUS TO HAVING ONLY COLLECTIVE CEILINGS ON EACH SIDE.

10. AT THE APRIL 7 AD HOC GROUP MEETING, BELGIUM
REP ADRIAENSSEN RETURNED TO HIS COMPLAINTS CONCERNING
THE PROCEDURE OF INFORMAL MEETINGS. ADRIAENSSEN ASSERTED
THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY OF REPRESENTATION HAD NOT
BEEN MAINTAINED--I.E. UK AND FRG PARTICIPATED MORE
THAN BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS AND CANADA. HE STATED THAT A
BELGIUM REP AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATE WHOSE TERRITORY
WAS IN THE REDUCTION AREA, SHOULD BE PRESENT IN ORDER TO
DEFEND THE INTERESTS OF EUROPE, ESPECIALLY ONCE NEGOTIA-
TIONS BEGIN TO MOVE FORWARD. ADRIAENSSEN ALSO NOTED THAT
ORIGINAL AHG UNDERSTANDING ON INFORMALS CONTEMPLATED OC-
CASIONAL INCLUSION OF WESTERN FLANK REPS. AFTER SOME
SOME
DISCUSSION, THE GROUP AGREED TO ADRIAENSSEN'S SUGGESTION
THAT THE AHG DISCUSS THE PROCEDURE OF INFORMAL MEETINGS
AT THE OUTSET OF THE NEXT ROUND OF THE VIENNA TALKS, WHICH
WILL RESUME IN THE WEEK OF MAY 12. RESOR

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, NEGOTIATIONS, FORCE & TROOP LEVELS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975MBFRV00181
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750131-0043
From: MBFR VIENNA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750451/aaaabvau.tel
Line Count: 252
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ACDA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07 APR 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <08 APR 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: SUMMARY REPORT FOR PERIOD APRIL 7-13, 1975
TAGS: PARM, NATO, MBFR
To: STATE DOD
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006